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1. RIYADH LIAISON OFFICER MET WITH OFFICIALS AT THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION. WHILE SOME QUESTIONS IN REFTEL REMAIN UNANSWERED DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN FINDING PERSONS IN CHARGE DURING RAMADAN SEASON, BELIEVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE USEFUL TO CAGNE NOW.

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECEIVING AND EVALUATING PROPOSALS AND AT LATER STAGE OF SUPERVISING CONSTRUCTION LIES IN THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY AND NOT IN MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS ONE MIGHT SUPPOSE. ABDUL FATTAH AL JALLALI IS DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS DR. TALAL JAMJOUR, A PROFESSOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AT RIYADH UNIVERSITY, IS THE PROJECT DIRECTOR. RECOMMEND COMPANIES INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT TALK WITH DR. JAMJOUR.

3. PROJECT IS STILL AT VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE. APPROXIMATELY 50 PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS THUS FAR RECEIVED. DEADLINE FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL OCTOBER 15. THERE IS A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TO SELECT QUOTE A VERY FEW FIRMS UNQUOTE TO BID FOR CONSULTANT CONTRACT ON PROJECT. STAFF MANAGER RAUF (EGYPTIAN) PREDICTS THERE WILL BE NO DECISION BEFORE MARCH 1977.

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4. COMMENT: SOURCES WITHIN ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT WERE UNWILLING

DISCUSS STATUS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL PROPOSALS OR TO GIVE NAMES
OF AMERICAN FIRMS INTERESTED IN PROJECT. THIS IS TYPICAL
RESPONSE OF STAFF LEVEL WHICH FEARS EXCEEDING ITS AUTHORITY.
AFTER RAMADAN WE WILL SEEK MEETING WITH JAMJOURN, CURRENTLY OUT
OF RIYADH, AND TRY TO OBTAIN SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON HEERY AND
HEERY PROPOSAL. DOES COMPANY HAVE SAUDI AGENT? PLEASE PROVIDE
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